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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 14-106—sSB 182

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**AN ACT CONFORMING PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION PURCHASING
STATUTES WITH DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
PURCHASING STATUTES AND PRACTICE**

SUMMARY: This act allows the chief executive officer of a constituent unit of the state higher education system to join with federal agencies, other states, Connecticut political subdivisions, or private or nonprofit organizations in cooperative purchasing plans when it is in the state's best interests to do so.

The act also allows the state, through the chief executive officer of a constituent unit of higher education, to make certain purchases from vendors with existing sales contracts with other states, Connecticut political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, or private or public consortia. The purchases include equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and the state is subject to the same contract terms and conditions as the other entities. By law, the state may already make such purchases (except for those with private consortia) through the administrative services commissioner (CGS § 4a-53(b)).

The act also makes technical changes.

By law, the constituent units are UConn, the Connecticut State University System, regional community-technical colleges, and Charter Oak State College (CGS § 10a-1).

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